News item captioned "Scared passengers stormed cockpit"

1738. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Free Press Journal', Bombay of March 15, 1987, captioned "Scared passengers stormed cockpit";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the steel boxes carried by a Union Minister were not checked in the routine manner and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Legislation on the quality and regulation on the drugs

1739. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent judgement of the Supreme Court in which it has recommended "biting teeth" to law which regulates quality of drugs in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring a legislation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Supreme Court in its judgement dated 3-3-1987 has stated "The prescribed preparations must maintain their quality" and for enforcing it, strict regulations are necessary. Provision in statutes or rules or instructions issued by executive authorities do not meet the demands of today's situation. The process of regulation has to be strengthened. Law must be provided with suffidient *biting teeth* and there must be genuine apprehension in the mind of every person engaged in the trade that any infraction would be visited with exemplary punishment. In the prevailing situation in the country, unless the law is properly enforced, it would be difficult to regulate the quality of drugs. Standardisation of the preparations will also introduce a healthy atmosphere in the market. The practising doctor should be acquainted with the drug policy, availability of drugs and take care to prescribe available medicine to his patient."

The existing provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder are considered adequate in regard to the observations made in the judgement. The observations given in the judgement of the Supreme Court are being brought to the notice of the State Drugs Control Authorities for more effective and stringent enforcement of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules.

एक ही ब्रांड की दवाओं के दो मूल्य

1740. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एक ही ब्रांड की एक ही दवा उच्च किस्म और सस्ते किस्म की है और एक किस्म की लागत दूसरी किस्म की लागत से शत-प्रतिशत अधिक है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्लोरोफेनिकल (250 मि०ग्रा०), टैट्रासाइक्लिन, कोट्टा इमोक्सोजोल (गोली), एनलजीन (200